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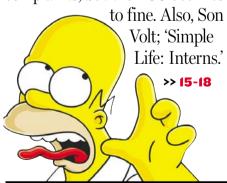
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It's 'Aviator' vs. 'Baby' at Oscars

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF. | Martin Scorsese may finally be positioned for Academy Awards glory, but his Howard Hughes epic "The Aviator" will have to duke it out with Clint Eastwood's boxing drama, "Million Dollar Baby."

The best-picture and director honors are shaping up as a two-film race between Scorsese's and Eastwood's flicks, with "The Aviator" having the inside track by leading the pack with 11 nominations Tuesday.

The other best-picture contenders were "Finding Neverland," a whimsical portrait of the creation of J.M. Barrie's "Peter Pan";

"Ray," a fiery film biography of Ray Charles; and "Sideways," a quirky romance about the misadventures of two buddies on a winetasting road trip.

Scorsese could be the story come Oscar night Feb. 27. The director behind such modern classics as "Raging Bull," "Taxi Driver" and "GoodFellas" has never delivered a bestpicture winner, and Scorsese has never won a directing Oscar despite four previous nominations. DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

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Senators Slam Rice **Over Iraq**

Democrats say nominee lied about need for U.S. invasion

WASHINGTON | Senate Democrats said Tuesday that Condoleezza Rice lied to them, misled Americans about the Iraq war or served as an apologist for Bush administration failures in Iraq, but she remained on track for confirmation as secretary of state.

Rice, who has been President Bush's national security adviser for four years, was one of the loudest voices urging war, Democrats said. She repeatedly deceived members of Congress and Americans at

large about justifications for the war, said Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn.

"I don't like impugning anyone's integrity, but I really don't like being lied to," Dayton said in opposing Rice's nomination on the Senate floor.



Rice

"Repeatedly, flagrantly, intentionally."

Rice is expected to win confirmation on Wednesday. Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., predicted that Rice would have "an overwhelming majority" of votes.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., cautioned against "inflammatory rhetoric that is designed merely to create partisan advantage or to settle partisan scores."

Rice would succeed Colin Powell, who often found himself on the outside looking in with Bush's close circle of advisers.

By contrast, Rice is a trusted Bush loyalist. As a principal architect of the Iraq invasion and the administration's war on terrorism, she shares blame for overstating the threat posed by Saddam Hussein, Democrats said. ANNE GEARAN (AP)

PROSECUTION | A Peel to Reason Northumbria, United Kingdom, police spent \$18,000 to catch and prosecute a woman for eating an apple while driving, Agence France Presse reported. In December 2003, an officer stopped Sarah McCaffrey and fined her \$55



for driving with an apple in her hand. She appealed, and Monday - after IO hearings during which police submitted costly aerial and ground video footage as evidence - she was ordered to pay \$297 in fines and fees. (EXPRESS) EyeOpeners | Page 2

HUMAN RESOURCES

Where There's **Smoke. There's Firing**

A Lansing, Mich., health care company has fired four employees for refusing to take a test to determine whether they smoke cigarettes. Weyco Inc. enacted a new policy this month allowing workers to be fired if they smoke, even if

the smoking takes place after hours or at home. The company said it doesn't want to pay the higher health care costs associated with smoking. An official of the company estimated that up to 10 percent of its employees were smokers when the policy was first announced two years ago, but many of them guit smoking before the policy went into effect. The company states it is "a nonsmoking company that strongly supports its employees in living healthy lifestyles." (AP)

SELL-OUTS

Using Your Head

An Omaha, Neb., man who auctioned off the use of his forehead as advertising space received \$37,375 on Friday to advertise snoring remedy SnoreStop. Andrew Fischer, 20, put his forehead up for sale to marketers on eBay and will

display the SnoreStop logo on his forehead for one month. (AP)



HERITAGE

Great Scot!

The Shetland town of Lerwick, Scotland, celebrated its warrior past Tuesday by dragging a Viking galley through the streets and burning it with torches, Reuters reported. The town holds the "Up-Helly-Aa" festival

every year. (EXPRESS)

COURTSHIP

Crime of Passion

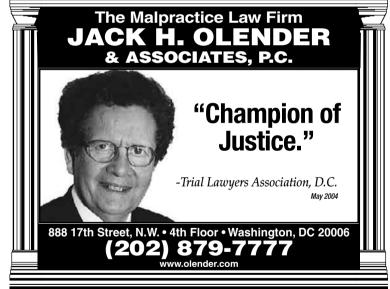
Police say a man involved in the robbery of a Domino's Pizza delivery woman in New Castle, Del., last week was a victim of his own fatal attraction. Police say that after two men robbed the woman, one of them called the victim on his cell phone to apologize — and to ask her out on a date. The victim, 18, declined the request, instead giving the cell phone number to police, who arrested Brent Brown, 25, and Andre Moore, 18. Officers searched a residence and found the pizza boxes with the original receipt still attached. Brown and Moore were charged with seconddegree robbery. (AP)

NAME-CALLING

What a Bunch of **Nincompoops**

Some conservative critics have voiced opposition to "No Name-Calling Week" — being practiced in middle schools across the United States this week because an element of the program is to end harassment based on sexual ori-

entation. The event — developed by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network — takes aim at insults of all kinds, whether they are based on appearance, background or behavior, but also seeks to ensure that schools safely accommodate students of all sexual orientations, Organizers said 5,100 educators from 36 states have registered, up from 4,000 last year. (AP)



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TEST SCORES: Nearly 21 percent of the public high school graduating class of 2004 took at least one Advanced Placement exam, up from 15.9 percent in 2000, and 13.2 percent passed an AP test, up from 10.2 percent in 2000, according to the College Board.

Nation



Workers watch a train pass near the scene of the fire in New York Tuesday.

Fire Snarls New York Metro Line

NEW YORK | A subway line serving tens of thousands of New Yorkers a day was knocked out of service and another severely limited, possibly for years, because of a fire that authorities say may have been set by a homeless person trying to stay warm.

It will take "several millions of dollars and several years" to rebuild hundreds of relays, switches and circuits that track train signals and locations, NYC Transit President Lawrence Reuter said.

It was the most serious damage to the subway's infrastructure since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, which destroyed stations underneath the World Trade Center, he said.

Authorities said the fire was set Sunday in a shopping cart in or near the Chambers Street station in lower Manhattan. It ignited cables and spread to a room full of switching and signal equipment. (AP)

Deficit Projected to Reach \$427B

Record debt for '05 driven partly by war costs

WASHINGTON | The White House will project that this year's federal deficit will hit \$427 billion, a senior administration official said Tuesday, a record partly driven by wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The official, among three who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity, said the estimate was a conservative one that assumed some higher spending than other analysts use. Last February, the White House projected that the 2004 shortfall

would hit \$521 billion, only to see it come in at \$412 billion.

The official said the figure represented progress because it would be smaller than last year's record \$412 billion shortfall when compared to the size of the growing U.S. economy. That ratio is a key measure of the deficit's potency.

Even so, the number was among a blizzard of figures released Tuesday that illustrated how deficits remain a problem that Bush and Congress must reckon with.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said that thanks to tax cuts and hurricane aid passed since its last calculations in September, the 10-year deficit had worsened since then by \$503 billion, not counting war expenditures.

The analysts projected that this year's deficit would hit \$368 billion — which would be the third highest ever — excluding war costs.

Senior administration officials also outlined for reporters their upcoming request for an additional \$80 billion, or slightly more, to help pay this year's costs of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Bush plans to send his 2006 budget to Congress on Feb. 7. It will not include a request for more war funds for that year, the officials said, saving that request for later.

ALAN FRAM (AP)

Budget gaps: War costs may push the '05 federal deficit to a record high, thwarting the president's pledge to cut down on the flow of red ink | Today's Post, A Section

MASSACHUSETTS | DEEP FREEZE



ICE CUBED: Sam Germaine surveys ice formations on houses along the oceanfront, in Hull, Mass., on Tuesday. During the recent blizzard that dumped more than three feet of snow on the region, strong winds and high waves blasted sections of the town, causing severe damage to some homes.

National Guard May Hike Bonuses to Bolster Ranks

Service wants to offer active-duty soldiers \$15,000 to join guard

WASHINGTON | Looking for new ways to bolster its thinning ranks, the Army National Guard is seeking legal authority to offer \$15,000 bonuses to active-duty soldiers willing to join the Guard — up from \$50 now.

Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, told reporters Tuesday that the Guard is 15,000 soldiers below its normal strength of 350,000, and he expects further declines despite recent gains from tripling re-enlistment bonuses for Guardsmen deployed abroad.

If the Guard fails to return to its normal troop level by the end of the budget year on Sept. 30, it will be the first time that has happened since 1989, the three-star general said.

Heavily stressed by longerthan-anticpated duties in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere, the Guard recently increased firsttime enlistment bonuses and added 1,400 recruiters.

In explaining his interest in getting congressional approval for \$15,000 bonuses to entice active-duty military members, Blum said he believes he could get 8,000 new Guardsmen this way. He said the existing \$50 bonus carries little weight in today's economy. (AP)



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Borders May Go High-Tech

U.S. officials announce plans to test 'smart' tags at 5 patrol points

NOGALES, ARIZ. | U.S. officials want to see if the same technology that speeds cars through highway tolls and identifies lost pets can unclog border crossings without compromising security.

Homeland Security Under-secretary Asa Hutchinson announced Tuesday that the government will begin testing radio frequency identification at this Arizona crossing and four others by midsummer.

Under RFID technology, a chip is attached to an antenna that transmits a signal to a reader, which converts the radio waves from the RFID tag into a code that links to identify-



BORDER BOUNCER: Officer Jose Gatelum monitors activity Tuesday at the U.S.-Mexico border in Nogales, Ariz., a future test site for new identification technology.

ing biometrical data in a computer database read by border agents.

The technology has been in use for years in systems for toll collection and other tracking devices. Under the system, travelers still will have to stop, but if their data triggers no red flags, they will get just a cursory check rather than lengthy questioning. LESLIE MILLER (AP)

FBI: Terror Threat in Boston a False Alarm

False tip reportedly called in by smuggler in squabble over deal

BOSTON | The FBI said Tuesday that the possible terrorist plot reported against Boston by a tipster last week was a false alarm. A law enforcement official in Mexico said that a suspected smuggler made the story up to retaliate against people who failed to pay him.

"There were in fact no terrorist plans or activity under way," an FBI statement said. "Because the criminal investigation is ongoing,

no further details can be provided at this time."

Jose Ernesto Beltran Quinones was detained over the weekend in Mexicali, a Mexican border town near San Diego. His son, also named Jose, was detained Monday. According to an official there, the two men were involved in smuggling Chinese immigrants across the border and told investigators that smugglers had squabbled over a deal, and that one had anonymously called in the false tip as revenge. The source, who asked not to be named, did not say which smuggler had made the call. (AP)

HEARSAY | DIGITIZING

"History ... shouldn't be locked away in dark rooms. It should be on everybody's laptops at Starbucks."

- MICHAEL EDMONDS, MADISON, WIS.
ON THE NEW PUSH FOR LIBRARIES AND
MUSEUMS TO DIGITIZE THEIR COLLECTIONS

Today in

The Washington Post

Military Might: The Pentagon has drafted terms for a reshaping of U.S. forces that would put more emphasis on nontraditional threats, sources report. | *A Section*

New Agenda: President Bush met with GOP lawmakers who will shape Social Security reform and pleaded for patience in the handling of the top legislative priority. | *A Section*

Rocking On: The radio format may be gone but officials say the annual rock bacchanalia known as the HFStival will be held again this year. | *Style*

FDA OKs Generic AIDS Drug Combo

NEW YORK | The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday tentatively approved a generic and less costly version of one of the most widely used combinations of AIDS drugs, an action that is expected to expand AIDS treatment in the developing world.

The FDA backing means the product made by Aspen chased by relief organizations funded by President Bush's \$15 billion Emergency Plan for AIDS relief. The five-year relief program was approved by Congress in 2003, but a policy decision was made to not pay for drugs unless they had been approved by the FDA. (AP)

Pharmacare, South Africa's larg-

est drug maker, can now be pur-

The number of trips expected to be made in China over the next 40 days as people head to their hometowns for the Lunar New Year, the state-run Xinhua News Agency reported. Nearly 1.8 billion trips will be in cars or buses.

World

In Brief

BRITAIN

Oxford University to Cut Intake of British Students

Oxford University, fabled but apparently underfunded, said Tuesday it will cut the number of local students and bring in more foreign ones who pay higher tuition, which might enable it to compete with top U.S. schools on professorial pay. "If radical measures are not taken, Oxford's standing will decline," the university said in a paper detailing its plans. Lawmakers and student leaders opposed the plan. (AP)

CONGO

Minister Denies Rumor That President Kabila Was Shot

Congo's interior minister denied a rumor circulating in Kinshasa Tuesday that President Joseph



Kahila

Kabila had been shot in his office. "Kabila is alive," Theophile Mbemba said. Kabila heads a power-sharing government formed after Congo's 5-year

war. His father, rebel-turned-president Laurent Kabila, was gunned down by a bodyguard in 2001. (AP)

EUROPE

Yushchenko Calls on EU to Open Membership Talks

Viktor Yushchenko made his first trip to the West as Ukraine's president Tuesday, seeking recognition of the former Soviet republic's right to join the European Union. Yushchenko called on the EU to commit by 2007 to membership talks and said he would push through democratic reforms to aid Ukraine's bid to join the 25-nation bloc. (AP)

ITALY

Police Break Up Inner Circle Of Fugitive Mobster Boss

Police in Sicily on Tuesday arrested 46 people suspected of providing logistical support to top fugitive Bernardo Provenzano, offering new details on how the reputed head of the Sicilian Mafia continues to elude authorities after more than four decades on the run. About 1,000 police were involved in the overnight raids. (AP)

Violence Plagues Iraq Before Vote

American captive begs for help on video as militants issue threat

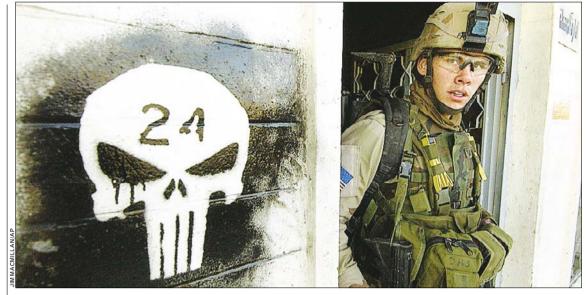
BAGHDAD | An American kidnapped in November pleaded for his life in a videotape broadcast and at least a dozen Iraqis died in Baghdad as political violence continued to plague the country five days before Sunday's crucial elections for a new National Assembly.

Iraqi police engaged in fierce shootouts Tuesday with insurgents, including gunmen who were handing out leaflets warning Iraqis not to vote or risk seeing their families' blood "wash the streets of Baghdad."

In the video, a bearded Roy Hallums, 56, speaking with a rifle pointed at his head, said he had been taken by a "resistance group" because "I have worked with American forces." He appealed to Arab leaders, including Libya's Moammar Gadhafi, to save his life.

Hallums was seized by gunmen Nov. I along with Robert Tarongoy of the Philippines at their compound in Baghdad's Mansour district. The two worked for a Saudi company that does catering for the Iraqi army. The Filipino was not shown in the video and it was not known when the video was made.

Meanwhile, the U.S. military said a Bradley armored vehicle rolled into a canal northeast of Baghdad during a combat patrol Monday night, kill-



LEAVING A MARK: A soldier from the U.S. Army's 1st Battalion walks past his battalion's symbol, which was painted on a wall during a raid at a gas station in Mosul on Tuesday. Twelve men were detained, and guns and ammunition were recovered.



Roy Hallums asks Arab rulers to intervene on his behalf in this image taken from a militant video released Tuesday.

ing five American soldiers. The accident was under investigation, it said. A sixth U.S. soldier died Monday of wounds from a roadside bomb in Baghdad, the military said. (AP)

Few Expatriate Iraqis Sign Up for Absentee Ballot

AMMAN, JORDAN | Iraqi voters living here and flying in from around the Middle East turned out Tuesday on the final day of registration for Iraq's historic election, speaking excitedly of freedom. But turnout remained low.

Less than 25 percent of eligible Iraqi expatriates had signed up to vote in Jordan and 13 other countries chosen to hold three days of absentee polling. Overall figures from the first eight days of registration — excluding Tuesday — show that more than 255,600 Iraqis out of 1.2 million exiles have signed up to vote. The deadline was extended by two days because of low turnout.

The Geneva-based International Organization of Migration, which is handling the registration, tried to sound upbeat.

"You have to see the positive side," IOM spokesman Jean-Philippe Chauzy said. "More than a quarter of a million have made the effort to go and register to vote."

Fear of violence may have caused many Iraqis to skip plans to vote, particularly in countries bordering Iraq where insurgents are suspected to be operating. (AP)

Britain Arrests Freed Gitmo Detainees

Four were last of Britons being held at U.S. base

LONDON | After enduring up to three years of imprisonment and interrogation at the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, four Britons returned to England on Tuesday and were immediately arrested by antiterrorist police.

Moazzam Begg, Feroz Abbasi, Martin Mubanga and Richard Belmar were arrested under a provision of the Terrorism Act dealing with "involvement in the commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism," London's Metropolitan Police said.

"What sort of homecoming is this? They are innocent people," said Massoud Shadjareh, one of a group of protesters outside the highsecurity Paddington Green police station where the men were held.

The four were among some 550 prisoners from 42 countries swept up in the U.S.-led war on terror and detained without charge.

Abbasi, 24, was reportedly arrest-

ed by U.S. forces in Afghanistan in December 2001. Belmar, 25, and Begg, 37, were arrested in Pakistan in February 2002, and Mubanga, 32, was detained in Zambia.

Peter Clarke, head of the Anti-Terrorist Branch, said police had discussed the case with leaders of Britain's Muslim community and recognized there were strong feelings about it. "We are totally committed to ensuring that the men are treated properly and fairly," he said.

Some of the men claim they were tortured at Guantanamo. (AP)

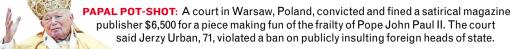
Stampede at Hindu Temple Kills 222

WAI, INDIA | At least 222 people died when a pilgrimage by thousands of Hindus to a hilltop temple in western India turned into a frantic stampede on Tuesday, police said.

Local police chief Chandrakant Kumbhar said devotees trying to flee fires along the pilgrimage route were crushed outside Mandra Devi temple, 150 miles south of Bombay.

Police said about 300,000 people had gathered at the temple for Tuesday's full moon — an auspicious day in the Hindu calendar. (AP)

World



Europe Remembers Auschwitz

Fight against anti-Semitism goes on, leaders say

BERLIN | German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder expressed shame Tuesday over the horrors of the Nazi era, acknowledging that Adolf Hitler's regime enjoyed wide support among Germans and promising that his country will try to keep alive the memory of the Holocaust.

Across Europe, commemorations ahead of the 60th anniversary of the Red Army's liberation of the Auschwitz death camp on Jan. 27, 1945, were tinged with the pain of memories - and concern that anti-Semitism lives on.

"I express my shame in the face of those who were murdered — and, above all, you who survived the hell of the concentration camps," a somber Schroeder told an audience at a Berlin theater that included Auschwitz survivors.

Some 1.5 million prisoners most of them Jews — perished in gas chambers or died of starvation and disease at Auschwitz. In all, 6 million Jews were killed in Nazi camps along with millions of others.

"The evil of Nazi ideology did not come from nowhere," Schroeder said, alluding to the fact that the Nazis were democratically elected.

Leaders across Europe marked the anniversary with warnings that the battle against anti-Semitism continues. Inaugurating his country's new Holocaust memorial, French President Jacques Chirac called for stronger efforts to quell a rise in attacks on Jews in France. GEIR MOULSON (AP)



German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder stands in front of a picture of the Ausch witz concentration camp as he addresses a memorial ceremony in Berlin Tuesday.

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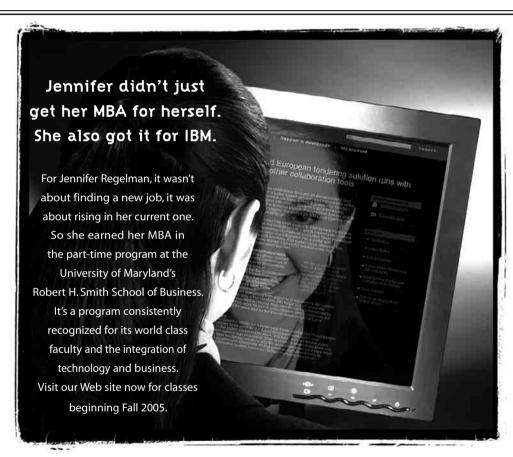
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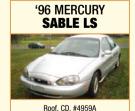












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Money

Va. Firm in BlackBerry Tussle

TORONTO | The Canadian creators of the BlackBerry, the wildly successful wireless e-mail device embraced by so many Americans, say they are prepared to take their patent dispute with a Virginia company all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Canadian government also has stepped into the fracas, claiming that a recent U.S. federal court ruling against Research In Motion Ltd., the Ontario-based makers of the BlackBerry, threatens to have a "troubling effect of chilling innova-

tion by Canadian companies."

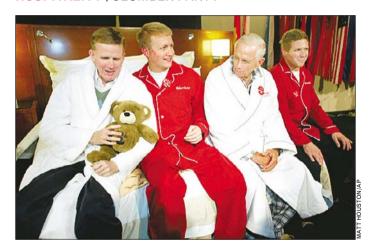
The dispute began in 2002 when NTP Inc. of Arlington, Va., claimed that RIM infringed on 16 of its patents, including its radio communications technology. RIM claims its BlackBerry relay server is based in Waterloo, Ontario, so U.S. patent laws have no jurisdiction.

In 2003, a U.S. court in Virginia awarded NTP \$54 million in damages and ordered an injunction on further Blackberry sales in the United States. RIM appealed, and in December, a U.S. appeals court struck down the verdict and injunction yet upheld the patentinfringement claims, sending the case back to the lower court

Henry S. Bunsow, an attorney for RIM, said the company is prepared to argue before the U.S. high court.

"If the United States is going to be asserting their patent laws to cover activities in Canada, then what's to stop Canada from asserting its laws in the United States?" he said. "It really creates chaos." (AP)

HOSPITALITY | SLUMBER PARTY



BEDFELLOWS: Marriott CEO J.W. Marriott, second from right, and others sit on one of the company's new beds in Bethesda, Md., on Tuesday. The company launched a major initiative to replace most of its beds, with each king-size bed getting 300-thread-count sheets, among other upgrades.

Rigging Jets With Anti-Missile Setup Called Impractical

LOS ANGELES | Outfitting every U.S. commercial passenger plane with anti-missile systems would be a costly and impractical defense against shoulder-fired rockets, according to a study released Tuesday.

Researchers said it could cost nearly \$40 billion over 20 years to deploy defense technology on the country's 6,800 passengers jets. The study by Rand Corp. also found the devices weren't yet reliable enough for commercial aviation.

Since the 1970s, more than 40 aircraft have been hit by shoulder-fired missiles, killing 600. No U.S. carriers have been attacked. (AP)

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STOCK	LAST	CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE	STOCK	LAST	CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE	
Beverly	11.77	+2.39	+25.5	Corio	2.78	+.73	+35.6	
OshkshTrk	70.41	+9.45	+15.5	ViaCell n	12.02	+2.90	+31.8	
Energizer	55.20	+7.10	+14.8	DigitRec	3.65	+.79	+27.6	
Sybase	19.26	+2.14	+12.5	AlphaSm n	3.59	+.64	+21.7	
Jacobs	49.40	+4.64	+10.4	AnlySur	2.83	+.43	+17.9	
Losers				Losers				
CACI	52.40	-8.00	-13.2	Margo	6.51	-1.22	-15.7	
ComScop	14.61	-2.22	-13.2	Corvel	20.71	-3.44	-14.2	
SaraLee [.]	22.90	-2.05	-8.2	Paradyne	2.71	42	-13.4	
StarGsSr	2.85	25	-8.1	Silonling	12.26	-1.88	-13.3	
Spain	12.20	-1.05	-7.9	BioDlyry If	2.87	39	-12.0	

Rates			Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)				
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK		TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO	
Prime Rate	5.25	5.25	British Pound	.5366	.5321	.5476	
Fed Funds close	2.25	2.3125	Canadian Dollar	1.2373	1.2244	1.3129	
3-month	2.36	2.30	European Euro	.7715	.7664	.7943	
2-year	3.22	2.23	Japanese Yen	104.23	102.72	106.50	
10-year	4.20	4.19	Mexican Peso	11.3120	11.2330	10.8850	
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STOCK	LAST	DAILY Change	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
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Comcast	33.15	+.15	4
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DirecTV	15.85	06	-5.3
Disney	28.80	+.85	+3.6
Fox Ent	33.32		+6.6
Gannett	80.19	26	-1.8
GTelevsa	57.55	26	-4.9
LibtyMA	10.47	04	-4.6
McGrH	89.92	-1.22	-1.8
NewsCpA n	16.79	06	-10.0
NewsCpB n	17.42	17	-9.3
Thomson	34.48	+.09	-2.3
TimeWarn	18.26	16	-6.1
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Local

WINGSPAN: A Virginia House of Delegates committee gave preliminary approval Tuesday to a bill that would designate the Virginia big-eared bat as the official state bat. Del. Jackie Stump said the goal is to promote the role of bats in Virginia's caves.

Leaders Seek Car Tax End

Drive opens divisive battle in Va. election year

RICHMOND, VA. | House Republicans launched an election year drive Tuesday to resurrect the car tax phaseout, removing a cap placed on the tax cut last year.

Resuming the rollback of the hated local levy on personal cars and pickup trucks comes as state revenues pile up far in excess of their forecasts and legislators ponder other tax relief measures.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Vincent F. Callahan

Jr. said that once the \$950 million annual cap on state car tax reimbursements to localities is lifted, it will take years to finish the car tax cut.

The proposal instantly created a potentially explosive partisan issue in a governor's race already distinguished for its angry tone nine months before the election.

In 1997, Jim Gilmore proposed the car tax cut and it lifted him to a landslide victory in that year's governor's race. The next year, the Legislature approved a five-year car tax phaseout whereby the state repays cities and counties for lost revenue. Seventy percent of the tax was phased out until a recession and state budget shortfalls froze the unfinished rollback in 2002.

Last year, in a bitter session that lasted a record 115 days, lawmakers fearful of persistent fiscal crises approved a \$1.4 billion tax increase and put a \$950 million annual limit on state car tax relief reimbursements. BOB LEWIS (AP)



Del. Frank Hall, D-Richmond, left, talks with Del. Brian Moran, D-Alexandria, center, and Del. Ward Armstrong, D-Henry, during the House session Tuesday.

Va. Panel Backs Gay Marriage Ban

RICHMOND, VA. | A measure to write a ban on gay marriages into Virginia's Constitution advanced easily Tuesday to the full Senate despite the passionate, often poignant appeals by opponents.

The Senate Privileges and Elections Committee endorsed the measure on an 11-3 vote, rejecting

opponents' claims that the amendment could create legal headaches. Sen. Stephen D. Newman, R-Lynchburg, said his resolution to define marriage in the state constitution as the union of one man and one woman is a defensive maneuver after courts in other states recognized gay marriage.

Voters in 11 states last year approved constitutional amendments similar to Newman's.

BOB LEWIS (AP)

Davis, Norton Push for Voting Rights

washington | Those fighting to get full voting rights for residents of the nation's capital are facing a new Congress — and the same decades-old problem.

Members of Congress discussed political strategy at a voting rights summit Tuesday, amid posters pointing out that Iraq will have democracy before District of

Columbia residents.

Northern Virginia Rep. Tom Davis hopes to get his fellow Republicans on board this session with a plan to give D.C. a vote in the House in exchange for adding another congressional seat in Utah, a heavily Republican state.

Davis acknowledged some Democrats and interest groups don't like the trade, but asked for support anyway.

Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C., backed up Davis' message of working together — even though she has not endorsed his bill. She plans to introduce one of her own that would give the District full voting representation.

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 2-2-6

 Evening Pick 3
 3-5-9

 Mid-day Pick 4
 2-6-2-7

 Evening Pick 4
 8-5-2-5

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 2-4-18-28-33
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 5-4-4

 Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)
 0-9-4

 Mid-day Pick 4 (Tues.)
 7-3-0-2

 Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)
 4-9-1-2

 Mid-day Cash 5 (Tues.)
 5-7-17-26-28

 Evening Cash 5 (Mon.)
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In Rrief

WASHINGTON

Man Who Caused Downtown Standoff Held Without Bond

A man who allegedly threatened to blow up his van outside the White House during inauguration week, clogging downtown traffic for nearly five hours, was ordered held without bond Tuesday pending trial. Lowell W. Timmers surrendered to police Jan. 18 after a 4½-hour standoff. He could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted of threatening to use an explosive device. (AP)

ARLINGTON, VA.

Transportation Board Backs Gas Tax for Metro

The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission said Tuesday it favors a doubling of the gas tax, to four percent, to raise an extra \$25 million dollars for the cash-strapped Metro system. (AP)

SECOND AGAIN: Smarty Jones, whose second-place finish at the Belmont Stakes ended hopes of a Triple Crown, was passed over by Ghostzapper for Horse of the Year at the Eclipse Awards. Ghostzapper, who did not make his first start until July 4, won the Breeder's Cup last year.



Sports

Williams Takes Lead For Duke

COLLEGE HOOPS | For two years at Duke, Shelden Williams' silence was as imposing as his presence in the post.

The junior is talking a little more now, but his game is every bit as intimidating for the second-ranked Blue Devils.

The 6-foot-9, 250-pound center swats shots with stone-faced determination. He bangs away inside for rebounds or powerful dunks, giving the Blue Devils the rugged complement to their topnotch perimeter game.

And with Williams' recent strong play, a supposedly undermanned team that came into the season with eight recruited scholarship players is one of the nation's last unbeaten teams heading into Wednesday's game against Maryland.

"I know I have to have an allaround game," said Williams, the ACC's player of the week. "I can't just limit myself and concentrate on one aspect of my game." AARON BEARD (AP)



Williams is Duke's leading scorer.



Joe Gibbs talks to reporters during the media day for this racing team on Tuesday.

Gibbs Says Return to **Redskins Will Be Short**

Coach juggles football with auto racing team in the NFL offseason

REDSKINS | Joe Gibbs is passionate about football, but doesn't intend to stay in coaching much longer.

He's also passionate about NASCAR, and plans to stay a part of the sport for a considerable period of time.

"My time in football will be short," Gibbs said Tuesday during a stop by the NASCAR media tour at Joe Gibbs Racing. "Hopefully, we'll be here forever. If we don't win a few more games next year, my time in football will be real short."

In his return to the NFL after an 11-year absence - during which he established his suc-

cessful NASCAR team — Gibbs' Washington Redskins struggled to a 6-10 record.

As much as he loves racing, Gibbs, who took his team to four Super Bowls and won three of them in his first stint in Washington, is determined to get the Redskins back near the top before calling that career quits and returning to JGR on a permanent basis.

Gibbs acknowledges there were times during the NFL season when he wondered why he went back to football. "I think when you do something like that, you miss this," he said. "I did. And, of course, you hit on bad times up there and you have those normal feelings of 'What in the world did I do?' But I love football and I love the challenge it presents." MIKE HARRIS (AP)

Delgado Chooses Marlins Over O's

Baltimore continues striking out in efforts to sign free agents

ORIOLES | The Baltimore Orioles ended up offering Carlos Delgado far more money than they anticipated. Still, it was not enough.

Delgado agreed Tuesday to accept a \$52 million, four-year offer from the Florida Marlins, a deal with an option that is worth potentially \$64 million over five

"We went above and beyond where we felt comfortable to push it to a resolution in our favor." Orioles executive vice president Jim Beattie said. "We felt like we were in the ballpark, but there were things beyond our control that ended up going against us."

Baltimore's last proposal was

worth \$48 million over four years — the same amount Texas offered before withdrawing Sunday. The New York Mets also were among the unsuccessful bidders.

It's been a frustrating offseason for Baltimore, which has come up short during a winter in which salaries have skyrocketed. The Orioles have thus far only added to their bullpen, agreeing to deals with free agents Steve Kline and Steve Reed.

"We're disappointed," Beattie said. "People will classify this as a failure, but it's not for lack of effort. We have tried to do some things in the offseason, and we will continue to attempt to improve the team." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

Hot seats: VIPs are getting better seat assignments than Nationals' season ticket holders | Today's Post, Sports

Eagles' Owens Visits the Doctor

FOOTBALL | Terrell Owens saw his doctor Tuesday and is expected to test his injured ankle on the field this week.

Is he any closer to returning for the Super Bowl? No one knows just vet.

The All-Pro wide receiver plans to be in uniform for the Philadelphia Eagles when they meet the New England Patriots in Jacksonville, Fla. on Feb. 6. The doctors and training staff should have the final say on Owens' status.

"Spiritually I've been healed and I believe that I'll be out there on

that field Sunday, regardless of what anybody says," Owens said Monday night, before going to Baltimore for his weekly checkup with Dr. Mark Myerson.

Myerson inserted two screws in



Owens' right ankle and a plate on the outside of the ankle three days after he was injured against Dallas on Dec. 19.

Owens was told that he had only an

outside chance of returning for the Super Bowl, which was 6 ½ weeks away at the time. Myerson said under normal circumstances it takes between eight to 10 weeks for a person to fully recover. (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

NBA (7 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Washington Wizards look for their fourth win in a row when hosting Allen Iverson and the Philadelphia 76ers.

COLLEGE HOOPS (9 P.M. ON ESPN) Maryland tries to knock No. 2 Duke from the ranks of the unbeaten in Durham, N.C.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M. ON ESPN) No. 12

Louisville hosts Conference USA rival Marguette.

COLLEGE HOOPS (7:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Villanova looks to build off its win over Kansas when hosting Notre Dame.

TENNIS (2 P.M. AND 9:30 P.M. ON ESPN2) Quarterfinal action and then women's semifinals at night.

Redskins Hold Line on Ticket Prices

REDSKINS | Washington Redskins general admission ticket prices will remain unchanged for the fourth consecutive year.

The seats range from \$44 to \$79 per game and include the pricier club seats or luxury suites.

Even with the price freeze,

Washington was the second most expensive team to watch last season, according to the annual Fan Cost Index compiled by the Team Marketing Report, a Chicago research firm. The index includes factors such as club seat and general admission ticket prices, concessions and souvenirs.

The Redskins play at FedEx Field, the NFL's largest stadium, and have sold out every home game since 1966. The season ticket waiting list now exceeds 105,000 names, according to senior vice president Mitch Gershman, with the numbers spiking after Joe Gibbs returned as coach. (AP)



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Sports



MAILMAN DONE? Future Hall-of-Fame forward Karl Malone is leaning toward retirement, according to the Los Angeles Times. Malone has not played since he injured his knee with the Lakers at the end of last year.

Federer Dominates Agassi

S. Williams moves to semifinals with easy win over Mauresmo

TENNIS | Roger Federer is playing so perfectly right now that he made Andre Agassi look average.

Defending champion Federer beat the eight-time major winner 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 Tuesday in the Australian Open quarterfinals, taking the punch right out of the best counter-puncher on the circuit.

Federer hit 22 aces and extended his winning streak to 26 matches. He's also won 24 in a row against opponents ranked in the top 10.

"He just outplayed me," Agassi said. "He was too good. I would suggest to his next opponent that he doesn't look to me for advice."

That would be fourth-seeded Marat Safin, who lost to Federer in last year's Australian Open final and will face him this year in the semifinals. Safin ousted No. 20 Dominik Hrbaty 6-2, 6-4, 6-2.

Federer is trying to become the first to win three straight Slams since Pete Sampras added the



Roger Federer raises his hands in victory after topping Andre Agassi in straight sets at the Australian Open on Tuesday. Federer has won 26 straight matches.

1994 Australian Open to his wins at the Wimbledon and the U.S. Open in 1993.

Serena Williams once won four straight majors — from the 2002 French Open through the 2003 Australian Open — but she hasn't played that well lately. She'll face Maria Sharapova in the Australian semifinals in a rematch of last year's Wimbledon final.

Williams easily won her quarterfinal, eliminating No. 2 Amelie Mauresmo 6-2, 6-2, while Sharapova was on the verge of exhaustion when she clinched a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 over U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova in 2 hours, 17 minutes in the baking sun. John Pye (AP)

Pacers, Fans Appear in Court for Brawl Charges

NBA BRAWL | Five Indiana Pacers players and three fans charged in one of the most violent melees in NBA history appeared in court Tuesday — each at a separate hearing — and were released on bond.

The Pacers players, charged with misdemeanor assault and battery in the brawl with Detroit fans at The Palace of Auburn Hills, appeared for about three minutes each before District Judge Lisa Asadoorian.

Asadoorian allowed each of the players to leave the state and barred them from the Palace "except for employment-related purposes." Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson, Anthony Johnson, David Harrison and Jermaine O'Neal also were told they must attend the next hearing in the case, scheduled for April.



Ron Artest, suspended for the NBA season, leaves court on Tuesday.

Three fans charged with misdemeanor assault and battery — John Ackerman, William Paulson and John Green — also appeared in court and were released on bond.

SARAH KARUSH (AP)

Ravens Adjust Coaching Staff

RAVENS | The Baltimore Ravens made Jeff Fitzgerald their linebackers coach Tuesday and put Mike Pettine in charge of the outside linebackers.

Fitzgerald takes over the entire linebacking corps after joining the Ravens last year as outside linebackers coach. Pettine takes over as outside linebackers coach after spending the last three years with the Ravens as a defensive assistant.

The promotions came after inside linebackers coach Mike Singletary left to join the San Francisco 49ers.

In another move, John Fassel, son of Ravens offensive coordinator Jim Fassel, has joined the Baltimore coaching staff as a coaching assistant. Fassel will be responsible for film breakdown and special projects for the coaching staff. (AP)

Sports

The First Shot for Women's Hoops

30 years ago, UMd. hosted Immaculata on national television

ANNIVERSARY | The game was a blowout, the kind that causes viewers to flip to another channel long before the final buzzer.

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On Jan. 26, 1975, Immaculata beat Maryland 80-48 in the first nationally televised women's college basketball game. The independent Mizlou Television Network sold broadcast rights to over 100 stations, providing unprecedented coverage to a sport in its infant stages.

"My first three years at Immaculata, we wore skirts," says Rene Portland, then a senior for the Mighty Macs and now the coach at Penn State. "That was the first year we wore shorts."

Women now have their own pro league, and ESPN broadcasts dozens of regular-season college games and has extensive coverage of the NCAA tournament.

It all began 30 years ago at Cole Field House.

"I can tell my grandkids I was part of history," said Monica Rogers Merkel, who scored two points for the Terrapins.

Eager to enhance awareness of its women's program, Maryland

NBA

Charlotte

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Maryland lost to Immaculata 80-48 on national television on Jan. 26, 1975.

sold Mizlou the broadcast rights to two ACC games involving the men's fourth-ranked team with the provision that the network also telecast Maryland-Immaculata.

Immaculata defined women's basketball in the 1970s. The Mighty Macs, who compiled a 35-game winning streak while going 74-4 from 1972-74, proved to be far too talented and poised for Maryland. "We couldn't say no, but we knew we were in for a long day," said Dottie McKnight, who coached Maryland that day. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

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New York	17	23	.429	2	1-9	9-15		
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Detroit	23	18	.561	1.5	6-4	15-11	L.A. Clippers	
Indiana	20	19	.513	3.5	4-6	14-9	Golden State	
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Denver	17	23	.425	11.5	3-7	7-18	
Portland	16	24	.400	12.5	2-8	6-14	
Utah	14	28	.333	15.5	3-7	10-15	
PACIFIC	w	L	PCT.	GB	LIO	CONF.	
Phoenix	32	10	.762	_	4-6	18-6	
Sacramento	27	12	.692	3.5	7-3	15-10	
L.A. Lakers	22	16	.579	8	6-4	15-12	
L.A. Clippers	19	22	.463	12.5	3-7	10-19	
Golden State	12	29	.293	19.5	1-9	6-19	
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San Antonio	34	10	.773	_	7-3	19-8	
Dallas	27	13	.675	5	7-3	14-10	
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What's Inside Counts

Not much new to look at, but Corvette still is the stuff of legend

ROAD TEST | The Chevrolet Corvette is a legend, an institution, an American icon: all reason to be suspicious of it. Fact is, until 1997, the Corvette wasn't a good car. Early 1990s vintages handled like the thin end of a 10-pound ax. On rough asphalt, the cars shivered like wet Chihuahuas, and its unyielding suspension thrashed backsides.

Enthusiasts forgave the Vette its inadequacies — for much of its history it wasn't even that fast - because Corvette meant something to them. It's America's Sports Car: big and audacious, for those who would sooner down a winetasting spit bucket than drive a foreign car.

And it looks cool. But though the 2005 Corvette is still raked, low and ornery, it's the least dramatic or compelling; the changes to its exterior aren't very noticeable. The big cosmetic feature is the new headlights not exactly grand ambition.

The car is pinched and compressed; the foreshortened proportions don't add up. But it's much better from the inside.

Comfortable and accessible, the cockpit sports electronic door latches, a push-button start and an electro-luminescent panel. There's ample compartment storage, an easy-off top and generous foot wells, all anointed with a slick, smarter-than-thou competence. Build quality is excellent.

The solid Corvette has worldclass cornering and hot

green gobs of passing power that power pours into the frame as if a magic spinnaker has been deployed. It does have peculiar, warbling exhaust notes, though, like beating helicopter rotors.

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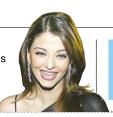
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BACK FOR MORE: Michael Douglas is going Bollywood with an Indian-set sequel to his '80s hits "Romancing the Stone" and "Jewel of the Nile." Since Douglas is 61 and jowly, please enjoy this photograph of his likely co-star, crossover ingenue Aishwarya Rai.



Entertainment

Oscar Hedges Bets

'The Aviator' garners II Oscar nominations, but it's anyone game

AWARDS | The Howard Hughes epic "The Aviator" led Academy Awards contenders with 11 nominations Tuesday, including best picture, plus acting honors for Leonardo DiCaprio, Cate Blanchett and Alan Alda and a directing slot for Martin Scorsese.

The boxing saga "Million Dollar Baby" and the J.M. Barrie tale "Finding Neverland" followed with seven nominations each, among them best picture and acting nominations for Clint Eastwood, Morgan Freeman, Hilary Swank and Johnny Depp. Eastwood also got a directing nomination for "Million Dollar Baby."

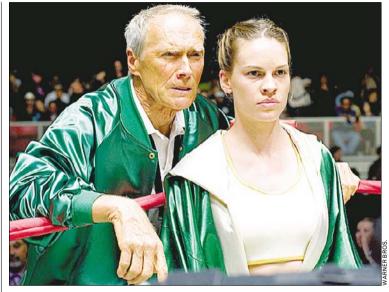
The other best-picture nominees were the Ray Charles portrait "Ray" and the buddy comedy "Sideways."

Along with Eastwood, Jamie Foxx also scored two nominations, as best actor for the title role in "Ray" and supporting actor as a taxi driver whose cab is hijacked by a hit man in "Collateral."

DiCaprio also was nominated for best actor. He and Foxx will compete against Depp in "Finding Neverland"; Eastwood as a cantankerous boxing trainer in "Million Dollar Baby"; and Don Cheadle for "Hotel Rwanda," starring as hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina, who sheltered refugees from the Rwandan genocide.

The best-actress category presents a rematch of the 1999 showdown, when underdog Swank won the Oscar for "Boys Don't Cry," beating out Annette Bening, who had been a front-runner for "American Beauty."

This time, Swank was nominated as a bullheaded boxing champ in "Million Dollar Baby." Bening was chosen for "Being Julia," in which she plays an aging 1930s stage diva.



 $\textbf{BEST ACTOR?} \ The \ stoic \ Eastwood \ may \ have \ to \ settle \ for \ a \ Best \ Director \ award.$



 $\textbf{TWICE AS NICE:} \ Jamie \ Foxx \ earned \ two \ acting \ nominations \ in \ a \ single \ year.$

Also nominated for the bestactress Oscar were Catalina Sandino Moreno as a Colombian woman imperiled when she signs on to smuggle drugs in "Maria Full of Grace"; Imelda Staunton as a housekeeper in 1950s Britain who performs illegal abortions in "Vera Drake"; and Kate Winslet as a woman who has had memories of her ex-boyfriend erased in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

Joining Eastwood and Scorsese among directing nominees are Taylor Hackford for "Ray"; Mike Leigh for "Vera Drake"; and Alexander Payne for "Sideways."

Scorsese, arguably the most

A REAL HORSE RACE Supporting Actor nominees:

- → Alan Alda, "The Aviator"
- → Jamie Foxx, "Collateral"
- → Morgan Freeman, "Million Dollar Baby"
- Thomas Haden Church,
- "Sideways"
- → Clive Owen, "Closer"

Supporting Actress nominees:

- → Cate Blanchett, "The Aviator"
- → Laura Linney, "Kinsey"
- → Sophie Okonedo, "Hotel Rwanda"
- → Natalie Portman, "Closer"
- → Virginia Madsen, "Sideways"



WINGING IT: Former pretty boy DiCaprio has a good chance of winning for his grown-up role in "The Aviator."

prominent modern filmmaker who has never won an Oscar, also has never delivered a best-picture winner.

Considered a nominal best-picture favorite, "The Aviator" offers him a shot to finally triumph on Oscar night, though Eastwood's "Million Dollar Baby" is a formidable competitor.

With its epic scope and dazzling re-creation of early Hollywood, Scorsese's "The Aviator" could emerge as front-runner for best picture. The film won the Golden Globe for best dramatic picture.

Yet unlike last year, when "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" went in as the odds-on favorite and swept all 11 of its categories come Oscar night, the outcome is more uncertain.

ABC will broadcast the Oscars live Feb. 27 from Hollywood's Kodak Theatre. Chris Rock is the show's host, dayid germain (AP)



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Entertainment



EVERYTHING NEW IS OLD: The makeup of the band is different from its previous incarnation, but Farrar says the current lineup reflects Son Volt's songwriting spirit.

The Son Also Rises Again

Jay Farrar's Son Volt is back — in spirit as well as in name

COMEBACKS | How can one musician have a reunion?

What sounds like a Zen koan actually is the question alt-country rocker Jay Farrar had to answer in coming up with a new record by his old band, Son Volt.

The St. Louis-based musician was all set to reconvene Son Volt, which went on indefinite hiatus nearly five years ago, when the group reunited last year long enough to record a song for the Alejandro Escovedo benefit album, "Por Vida."

"Things seemed to go really well," Farrar, 39, said. "But when it came time to sit down and work out plans and agreements, things just didn't work out."

Rather than scotch the whole idea of a new Son Volt album, he simply proceeded minus Jim and Dave Boquist and drummer Mike Heidorn, recruiting guitarist Brad Rice, bassist Andrew Duplantis and drummer Dave Bryson for a new lineup.

So why call it "Son Volt"?

"Son Volt represent a cer-

tain spirit of songwriting with an emphasis on trying to capture what four musicians playing together can do."

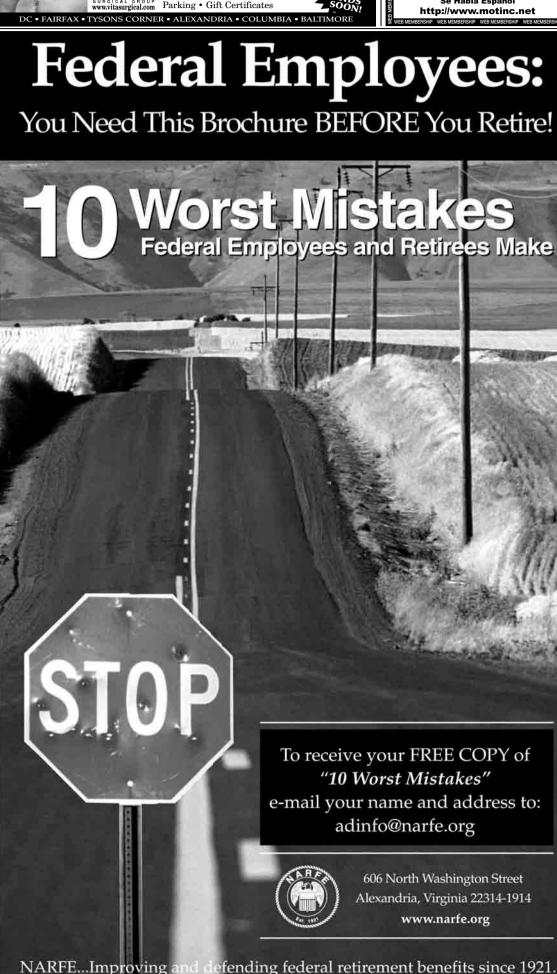
Farrar started Son Volt in 1994 after abruptly quitting his previous band, the highly regarded folkpunk band Uncle Tupelo. The sudden demise of that group spurred Farrar's songwriting partner, Jeff Tweedy, to start a new band of his own, Wilco.

He did revisit Uncle Tupelo's career in the midst of his solo career, however, for a retrospective compilation that came out in 2002. He more recently has done the same with Son Volt for an anthology that Rhino Records plans to put out this year.

He also has another project nearly ready for release, a collaboration with Varnaline guitarist and songwriter Anders Parker on an album combining reworkings of several traditional folk songs along with a few new numbers.

"It doesn't have a home or a release date," he said, "I'm not even sure what it's going to be called." If he can't find a record label that's interested in releasing the album, he said he'll probably make it available on his Web site, www.jayfarrar.com.

RANDY LEWIS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



PRESIDENT OF STREET CRED: Hit producer Jermaine Dupri has been named president of Virgin Records Urban Music, a newly created

division of the label. This is the second senior management position for Dupri; in 2003, he was named senior vice president of Arista Records.

Entertainment

Safe From the FCC

A FINE MESS | Regulators rejected 36 complaints of indecency against TV shows including "Friends" and "The Simpsons."

The objections had been filed with the Federal Communications Commission by the Parents Television Council, a watchdog group that frequently complains about sex and violence on television.

"In context, none of the segments were patently offensive under contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, and thus not indecent," the agency said in a statement.

The council alleged in the 36 complaints that the programs,

which aired between Oct. 29, 2001, and Feb. 11, 2004, contained sexually explicit segments or used indecent or profane language that violated decency standards.

One complaint involved an episode of NBC's "Friends" that aired in May 2003. In it, a female character, her husband and the husband's ex-girlfriend talk about a fertility treatment at a medical office.

A complaint over Fox's "The



Simpsons included a scene from a November 2003 episode in which students carried picket signs with the phrases "What would Jesus glue?" and "Don't cut off my pianissimo."

The FCC's responses to complaints have received extra scrutiny since Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction" at last year's Super Bowl. GENARO C. ARMAS (AP)

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on Fox-owned stations "in major markets," the Hollywood Reporter said. Aw, Tyra; we're sorry you couldn't get a better deal.

'Interns': Acting Up

Paris and Nicole's antics are more annoying than ever

SPOILAGE | "Simple Life: Interns" (8 p.m., Fox) showcases the vulgar antics of spoiled rich girls Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie interacting with ordinary folk.

Tonight, they apprentice at a muffler shop, where they botch an oil change, damage two customers' cars, take a police car for a joy ride and insult clients over the phone. At one point, their desperate boss pleads with them to behave.

In the same show, Paris and

Nicole live with a family in the blue-collar town of Bayonne, N.J. Apparently moved by the news that the family just lost their pet dog, Paris and Nicole bring home two huge, destructive Great Dane puppies. We later learn that our heroines stiffed the breeder, who in turn demands payment from the host family.

Are there people out there who laugh at Paris and Nicole's gruesome contempt for the kindness of strangers? KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURES SYNDICATE)

COFFEE, **TEA OR TRASH?** The skanky heiresses flaunt their uselessness.



ON TV TONIGHT

THE JUGGERNAUT ROLLS ON

NEWLYWEDS (10 p.m., MTV); THE ASHLEE SIMPSON SHOW (10:30 p.m., MTV) Jessica risks running out of dumb blonde tricks and Ashlee picks up a second year of flubs and boo-garnering.

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THE WEST WING (9 p.m., NBC) Bingo Bob
goes to lowa to make nice with the corn
people ... people who care about corn
... you know what we mean.

A TEST OF LOYALTY

KEVIN HILL (9 p.m., UPN) Kevin represents his old mentor — in a sexual harassment suit. Ouch.

IS IT WISTERIA LANE?

ALIAS (9 p.m., ABC) Sydney and Vaughn pose as a married couple, but even weirder things are afoot in



DEEP UNDERCOVER: Sydney and Vaughn make such a cute couple.

the creepy suburb they've infiltrated.

'SO, KIDS, LET'S BAP'

THE 4II: TEENS & SEX (10 p.m., NBC) If you were a teen, would you want perky, wholesome Katie Couric talking to you about ... down there issues? Thought not. (EXPRESS)

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SENSE AND SENSIBILITY: Monique Lhuillier knows modern fashion is about function, with a tropical print blouse and lemon crepe halter gown.

Building Style In Baby Steps

DESIGNERS | Monique Lhuillier has quickly gone from fashion fan to bridal designer to red carpet sensation. That jade goddess gown on Diane Lane at the Golden Globes? It was hers. Britney Spears' strapless, princess mermaid wedding dress? Another Lhuillier frock.

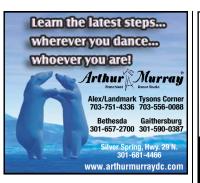
You can't quite call her an overnight success, though. In 1996, she made a sample collection of eight gowns and brought them to a trade show. She picked up five stores right away. Six months later, and with another trade show under her belt, Lhuillier began to build up a following.

Her first major red-carpet credits came at the 2002 Golden Globes when Angelina Jolie wore her strapless black satin mermaid gown and "Judging Amy's" Amy Brenneman wore a black-and-white beaded outfit.

That night also marked her first major celebrity crisis: Hours before Brenneman was scheduled arrived at the ceremony, her zipper got stuck. Lhuillier had to cut the actress out of her dress, fix it using a sewing machine they set up in her garage and then get her back in the dress without messing up her hair and makeup.

The next steps for Lhuillier, who had started selling to Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus, were shows during New York Fashion Week and the addition of ready-to-wear. Her spring collection ranged from tropical-print chiffon gowns and gold glitter camisoles to a belted white linen short trench and a white linen pencil skirt.

Michael Fink, senior fashion director at Saks Fifth Avenue, said that unlike many up-and-comers, Lhuillier has a clear vision of her customer — a woman with a clean, modern sensibility. Her collection "really filled a void," Fink said, and her expansion means that this woman has stylish clothes for all occasions. "Her signature use of lace is amazing," added Fink. SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)





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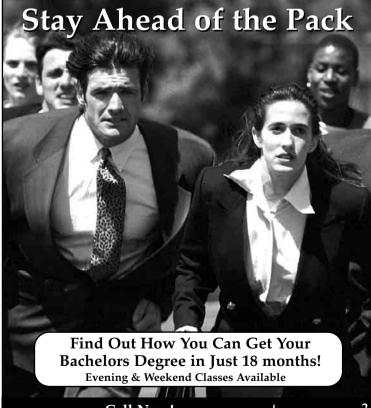
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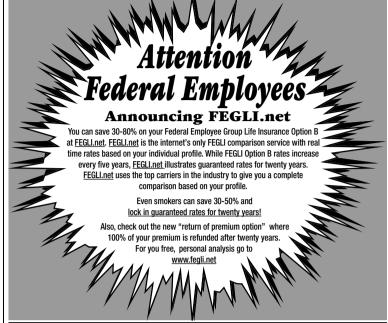
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Students' research increasingly starts and ends with Google

Go to Google, search and scroll results, click and copy. When students do research these days, educators worry, those are often about the only steps they take. If they can avoid a trip to the library, many students gladly will.

Young people may know that just because information is plentiful online doesn't mean it's reliable, yet their perceptions of what's trustworthy frequently differ from their elders' — sparking a larger debate about what constitutes truth in the Internet age.

Georgia Tech professor Amy Bruckman forced students to leave their computers by requiring at least one book for a class project. She wasn't prepared for the response: Someone asked, "Excuse me, where would I get a book?"

Bruckman and other educa-

tors grapple daily with the challenge of ensuring their students have good skills for discerning the truth. Professors and librarians say many come to college without any such skills, and quite a few leave without having acquired them.

"Spending an hour or two to find that good source is foreign" to students, said University at Buffalo professor Alex Halavais. For example, a Wellesley College study on research habits found fewer than 2 percent of students in a computer science class used non-Internet sources to answer test questions. And many failed to check multiple sources: 63 percent of those asked to list Microsoft Corp.'s top innovations only visited the company's Web site in search of the answer.

It's a paradox to some that so many young Americans can be so

Drary "Chances are somebody hasn't paid a librarian \$100 to point me to a particular book."

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TEXTBOOK STRAY: Sarah Kimmerle said she and other students realize most of what's online needs scrutiny.

CONSUMER REPORTS WEBWATCH

accepting of online information whose origin is unclear. "Skepticism ... is part of their lives, yet they tend to believe things fairly readily because it appears on the Internet," said Roger Casey, who studies youths at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla.

One concern is commercial influence online; some search engines run ads and accept payments to include sites in their indexes. "If I'm going to go to the library, chances are somebody hasn't paid a librarian 100 bucks to point me to a particular book," said Beau Brendler, director of the Consumer Reports WebWatch.

However, some Internet users believe that resources such as grassroots Web journals and a committee-written encyclopedia called Wikipedia can collectively portray events more accurately than any single gatekeeper.

In many ways, the greater diversity of information is healthy. Paul Duguid, co-author of "The Social Life of Information," points out that no longer, in most of the United States, can school textbooks get away with one-sided views. ANICK JESDANUN (AP)

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Success Stress

I'm a 33-year-old guy who has enjoyed quite a bit of success. I've climbed quickly in my profession and regularly receive superlative evaluations from my boss, who tells me I'm among the most talented employees he's ever had. So why can't I stop worrying? When my phone rings and it's my boss, I always assume something's wrong, that he's unhappy with my work. It's never true, but that doesn't keep me from worrying. Any insights?

-NEEDLESSLY NERVOUS IN NW

Your boss could call you Superman, but until you believe you're doing decent work, you'll always be expecting that pink slip. I'm not asking you to develop an ego the size of Gibraltar. But if you want to feel secure, you've got to figure out why you've come to think of yourself as a fraud and challenge those doubts until they're beaten senseless.

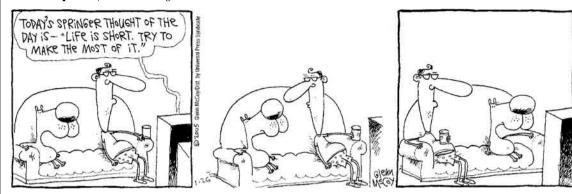
Might you feel guilty or ashamed about a secret flaw you believe you have — procrastinating, cutting corners, hoarding staplers? Are you caught up in comparing yourself to others? Perhaps unacknowledged anxiety in another area of your life is seeping into your work; personal relationship stress easily morphs into professional relationship stress. Or maybe you've got so many eggs in the career basket that you're terrified one false move will leave your identity in a shambles. Any of this sound familiar?

How would someone know if they were addicted to gambling, more specifically, online poker? If you've got the money to lose and you don't do it on work time, can it still be a problem? - ANTEING UP IN ALEXANDRIA

Contrary to the speed 'n' greed "Apprentice" ethos, life is more than work and money. If poker is interfering with your friendships, family, interests or ability to move your tush from the computer, it's time to cut back. Moreover, if you find that the rush of playing is no longer a lighthearted diversion but necessary fuel to get through the day, or your bets are growing bigger to sustain that rush, it's even more important to back away. You could start by setting some boundaries — make No-Limit Hold'em no-limit no more — and stick to them, even if it means disabling your computer.

Send your mental health and emotional wellness questions to Andrea Bonior, Ph.D. at baggage@readexpress.com. This column is not a substitute for one-on-one care.

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



Letters

Pregnant Pause on Metro

HOW PREGNANT does one have to be to be offered a seat on the Metro? At first I thought I wasn't offered seats because I wasn't showing. However, now that I'm due next week, I know that's not the reason. I don't feel entitled, but I'm shocked by either the bad manners or the sheer obliviousness of my fellow commuters to a pregnant woman's plight. So I'd offer this note to riders: It's difficult for a person to balance when she's hugely pregnant. If you're inclined to keep your seat, be forewarned — a preg-

nant woman might fall on you if the train stops suddenly.

> -AMANDA FORE Alexandria, Va.



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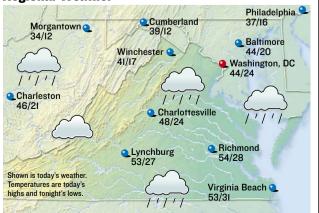
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LOOK

People

DISAPPOINTMENT

Couldn't Someone More Famous Get Arrested?

Photographer-filmmaker DAVID LACHAPELLE was arrested at the Sundance Film Festival after a run-in with police. LaChapelle was arrested early Saturday after police were called to control a crowd that had gathered as security attempted to escort two actresses from a club. Police said they asked LaChapelle several times to back up but he failed to comply. LaChapelle was jailed, released and cited for disorderly conduct. (AP)





Nick Nolte was really much more fun.

SNUBS

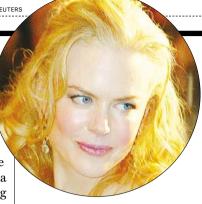
Singer 'Too Busy' With 'Concert' to 'Attend' Awards

BOB DYLAN, whose memoir "Chronicles, Vol. I" is nominated for a National Book Critics Circle prize, will likely be too busy to attend the March 18 ceremony. "Bob Dylan is honored by the NBCC nomination, however, he'll be on a concert tour in March," a Simon & Schuster spokeswoman said Tuesday. She added that the publisher would "work with his office to see if there's any way he can come to the NBCC ceremony." (AP)

SURVEILLANCE

Overheard: Nicole's Pool Needs Cleaning!!!

Detectives are investigating an electronic listening device allegedly planted outside NICOLE KIDMAN'S Sydney mansion, police said. The device was found near a security car that was monitoring Kidman's home from the street, chief bodyguard Neil McMaster told a Sydney newspaper. McMaster said surveillance footage taken from the house provided "conclusive evidence" that the device had been intentionally planted. The bug was discovered



The inner workings of the Kidman home will, alas, remain unknown to us.

when security officers searched the house early Sunday in preparation for Kidman's return to film her new movie, "Eucalyptus." (AP)

BETRAYALS

Hey — At Least It Wasn't The Real First Lady, Right?

STOCKARD CHANNING was jailed for nearly three hours after being arrested for alleged drunken driving, Los Angeles city officials said Tuesday. Channing, 60, who won an Emmy for her role as first lady on "The West Wing," was stopped by a California Highway Patrol officer on Dec. 14 for allegedly driving on the shoulder of Highway 101, a city attorney spokesman said. (AP)



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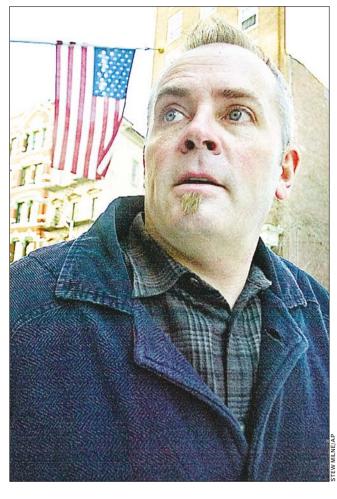
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TEMPTATION

Elderly Actor Challenges Lady Fate to Round Two

PAUL NEWMAN is ready to drive in the Rolex 24 at Daytona International Speedway next month. "You bet," the actor said during a conference call on Tuesday, one day shy of his 80th

birthday. Just more than two weeks ago, Newman escaped injury when the car he was driving caught fire. He will return to the cockpit of the same car on the same track for the race on Feb. 5-6. "The car should be rebuilt and ready to test hopefully at another track in Florida before we actually start testing at Daytona," he said. (AP)



PRIOR STRATEGIES

Appear Naked Next Time?

"Survivor" winner RICHARD HATCH was arraigned Tuesday in federal court on charges that he never paid taxes on the \$1 million he won. Hatch did not enter a plea, but told the judge that he understood the charges and waived his right to a grand jury. Hatch was released on a \$50,000 bond, which he posted immediately following the hearing. (EXPRESS)





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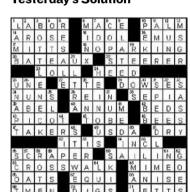
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may be feeling needy and dependent — but a close friend will be right there, willing to

lend you all the help you need. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Squabbles and other explosions of emotion may be unavoidable, but any lasting effect can be

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't give your

heart away prematurely - either to a spe-

cial person or to a pet cause. Be ready for

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may be experiencing increasing anxiety over triv ial issues, while letting more important matters slip through your fingers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Contract nego-

tiations and other financial concerns are

highlighted. You may have to make a sacrifice now to reap rewards later. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be willing to strike a compromise to avoid any increasingly dangerous domestic strife. You

must know what's at stake. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You and a friend may discover that it's time to go your separate ways — at least when it comes

to professional endeavors. Stay in touch, VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A happy-

go-lucky attitude may serve you well,

provided you don't make the mistake of overlooking the significance of certain

able to capture all the glory, but you can certainly play a leading role and contribute to a communal success.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may not be

there is a place for calm discussion. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You may find it necessary to analyze every detail,

all talk and no action. On the other hand,

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're not likely to be impressed by those who are

but in the end you will have to make a

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't be too impersonal. A friendly approach can get you more in the long run than an overly serious strategy.

a more lasting commitment.

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